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GLENDALÉ LIBRARY PATRONS WILL NOW HAVE ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL MATERIALS THROUGH AGREEMENT.

Glendale, Ariz. — Glendale residents will now have access to more than 640,533 materials at Maricopa County's 17 libraries along with materials from all the other Valley libraries through the Maricopa's reciprocal borrowing program. Two agreements with the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) have been approved with the city of Glendale that will provide additional resources to Glendale residents, as well as save the city money by reducing expenses that can now be shared. In fact, throughout the county, Glendale residents will be able to access the county district libraries and county residents will have access to Glendale's three libraries. The Glendale City Council approved the agreement in June.

The first agreement is a reciprocal borrowing agreement with MCLD, in which any Maricopa County resident, regardless of which municipality they reside in, can get a library card from any municipal or county library in the county. For instance, a resident of Glendale will be able to get a card in Peoria, and vice versa. Not only will this provide flexibility and increased services for residents, but it will also provide additional revenue to Glendale. At the end of each year, the MCLD calculates the number of non-city residents using a municipal library for each city. When non-Glendale residents get library cards at any of the Glendale branches, MCLD will reimburse Glendale \$25 per card. Although the amount will vary annually, it is estimated that this arrangement, along with access to new electronic services, the value of this arrangement could bring Glendale more than \$160,000 annually.

In addition, a second agreement with the MCLD involves a new software system, or Integrated Library System (ILS), that will be implemented through the county's resources, covering all costs associated with migrating, training and annual maintenance, including upgrades. Since the city's current ILS could be phased out and no longer technically supported, this was beneficial to the city. While this agreement will improve the library's technology, it also will save the city nearly \$350,000 in one-time funds and an annual \$35,000 ongoing in operating and maintenance costs.

New library services
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“We are pleased to provide these programs to Glendale Public Library because now the city can operate its libraries on a more stable budget while offering the services customers have come to rely on,” said Max Wilson, chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. “The community benefits because of the overall savings and the convenience of using any library they choose,” he suggested.

“This is a wonderful new arrangement for the Glendale Public Library and will greatly benefit Glendale residents and County patrons who use our services.” said Glendale Chief Librarian Cheryl Kennedy.

The new technology will be implemented over a period of time and reciprocal borrowing is now in place. For additional information on Glendale Public Library, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library. The Maricopa County Library District operates 17 libraries in the county. For more information visit www.mclidaz.org.

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